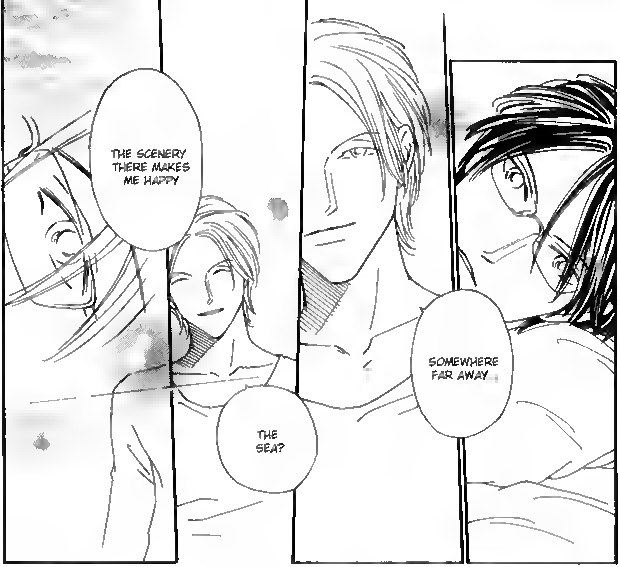
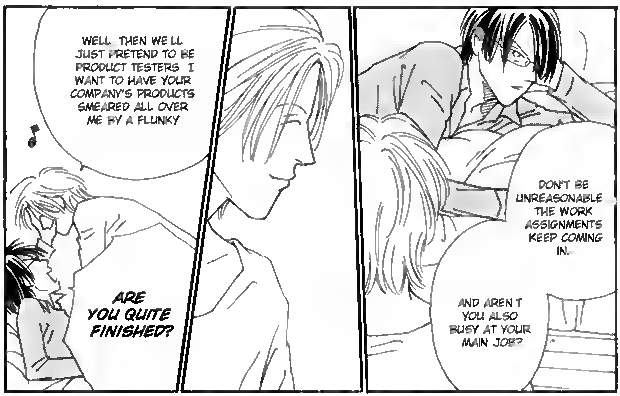
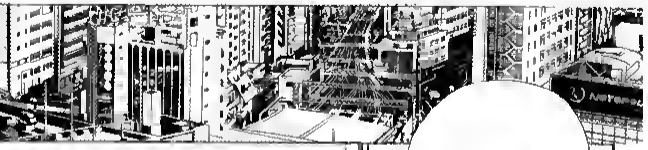
THE SPY WHO LOVED A PRINCE

WHAT'S GOING ON? HASN'T YOUR WORKLOAD INCREASED A LOT RECENTLY?
DRINKING PARTIES FOR VARIOUS REASONS FOR THE COMPANY... SO THEY SAY
AND ON TOP OF THAT, THERE ARE FAREWELL PARTIES, WELCOME PARTIES AND
IRK
IRK
IRK
IRK
IRK
OH, THIS ONE?
RELATIONSHIPS HAVE GOTTEN IN THE WAY...
THERE WEREN'T THE SAME DRUNKEN STORIES REPEATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN BY MIDDLE MANAGEMENT!
WASN'T THAT ALSO THE CASE AT UNIVERSITY?
I JUST WANT TO BE LEFT TO DO MY WORK!!

HUH?
THERE ISN'T A SEXUALLY HARASSING BOSS IS THERE?
WORK WOULD SUDDENLY BE LOTS OF FUN.
IF YOU WERE TO BECOME MY PERSONAL SERVANT
HEHEHEHEHE!
huff
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE WENT FOR A TRIP SHALL WE?
TO BE HONEST IT'S AMUSING
DO YOU?
YOU FIND THAT KIND OF FANTASY AMUSING?
grind
grind
grind


THE SCENERY THERE MAKES ME HAPPY
SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY
THE SEA?


WELL, THEN WE'LL JUST PRETEND TO BE PRODUCT TESTERS. I WANT TO HAVE YOUR COMPANY'S PRODUCTS SMEARED ALL OVER ME BY A FLUNKY
ARE YOU QUITE FINISHED?
DON'T BE UNREASONABLE. THE WORK ASSIGNMENTS KEEP COMING IN.
AND AREN'T YOU ALSO BUSY AT YOUR MAIN JOB?



NEW EMPLOYEES WHAT WOULD YOU SAY MIKI-SAN'S BIGGEST PROBLEM IS?

INUYAMA DETECTIVE AGENCY

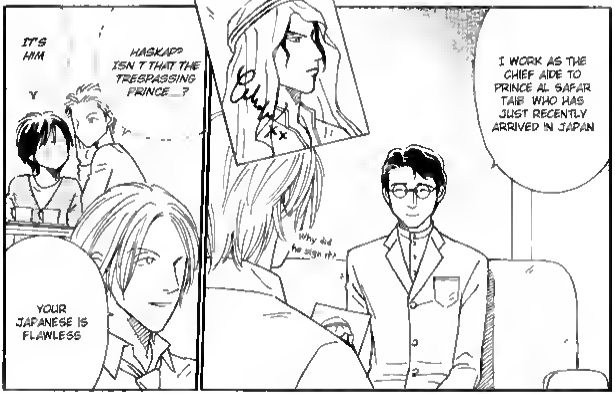
Mhm, mm?
YOU'RE NOT PRESSURING HIM OR ANYTHING, ARE YOU?
IT'S THE PEOPLE AT HIS WORK, OF COURSE — I MEAN BECAUSE HE HAD SOME TROUBLE AT THE BEGINNING
It's Aniki-san, after all.
tap tap
BUT AREN'T THERE MEASURES WE CAN TAKE IN THE MEAN TIME...?
SOCCER
stroke
stroke
WELL, WITH TIME, THE IRRITATIONS WILL SLOWLY ACCUMULATE, AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT
WHAT IF WE ALL WENT SOMEWHERE TO RELAX... WOULD THAT BE POSSIBLE I WONDER?
GHOST STORY
CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE PEOPLE SURROUNDING HIM.
WE CAN BE THERE IN THE BACKGROUND, SLOWLY
YEAH... THAT'S RIGHT...

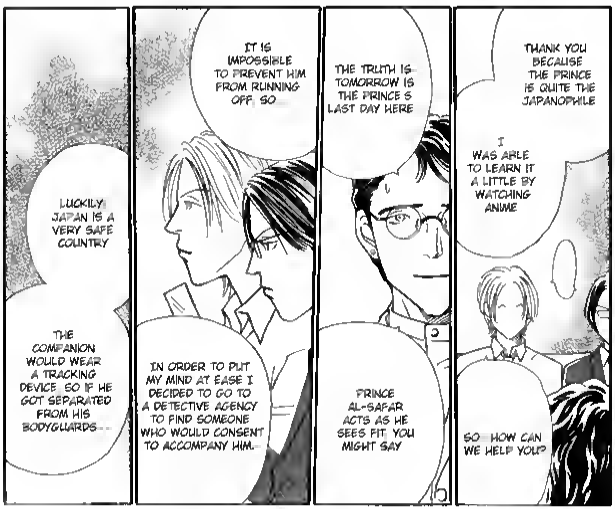
PRINCE INTERFERES!?
THE MECCA OF RETRIBUTED SATISFACTION TESTS ENDURED
HASKAP *
catch
EEK!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE PRINCE IS A COMPLETE FOOL
ISN'T IT UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO COME HERE AFTER WORK?
click
I JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT STILL BE HERE AND I'M HUNGRY
WELL WHY DON'T WE ALL COME TO MY PLACE TO EAT?
BUT IT'S NOT A WEEKEND...
COME ON, IT'S A RARE INVITATION FROM ME!
IF YOU GUYS ARE THERE WOULDN'T THAT BE A WELCOME DISTRACTION?
IF WE ASSUME IT'S SOMETHING SERIOUS
And I have to be the one to comfort that guy...?

**T/n Haskap is the name of a berry and the bush it grows on. It's native to Siberia and is found in Russia, China, and Japan. It's not clear why this fictional country is named after a berry

knock
knock
IF HE CAN POLISH OFF THE STUPID PRINCE OF SOME COUNTRY WITH A FEW WORDS, I'M NO MATCH FOR HIM.
YES, YES, COME ON IN!
KICK
DAMN!
MATSU-MOTO-KUN...
WOULD YOU SAY IT'S TIME TO GO HOME?
HOT!!
clatter
GOOD AFTERNOON
Prince Japonicus
I AM WAKIR OF THE KINGDOM OF HASKAP

**T/n the maker of a brand of stationary for kids. Apparently Matsumoto thinks the paperweight looks like Prince Japonica.


IT'S HIM
HASKAR? ISN'T THAT THE TRESPASSING PRINCE...?
Why did he sign it?
I WORK AS THE CHIEF AIDE TO PRINCE AL SAFAR TAIF WHO HAS JUST RECENTLY ARRIVED IN JAPAN
YOUR JAPANESE IS FLAWLESS


IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREVENT HIM FROM RUNNING OFF SO
THE TRUTH IS TOMORROW IS THE PRINCE'S LAST DAY HERE
THANK YOU BECAUSE THE PRINCE IS QUITE THE JAPANOPHILE
I WAS ABLE TO LEARN IT A LITTLE BY WATCHING ANIME
LUCKILY JAPAN IS A VERY SAFE COUNTRY
THE COMPANION WOULD WEAR A TRACKING DEVICE SO IF HE GOT SEPARATED FROM HIS BODYGUARDS...
IN ORDER TO PUT MY MIND AT EASE I DECIDED TO GO TO A DETECTIVE AGENCY TO FIND SOMEONE WHO WOULD CONSENT TO ACCOMPANY HIM.
PRINCE AL-SAFAR ACTS AS HE SEES FIT YOU MIGHT SAY
SO... HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

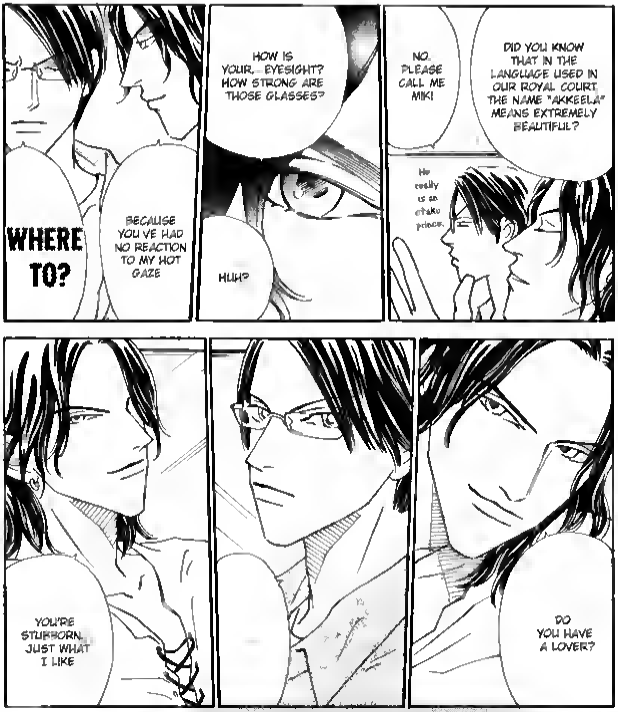
HUH?
UH... WELL THE TRUTH IS SINCE OUR COUNTRY HAS A POLYGAMIST SYSTEM, THERE ARE CURRENTLY 13 PRINCES
EXCUSE ME BUT IF THE PRINCE IS TRAVELING INCOGNITO AND IS PROTECTED BY THAT DEGREE OF SECURITY HE'S PROBABLY FINE, ISN'T HE?
Ohhh, a spy a spying device!
THEREFORE LORD AL ONLY BRINGS A SMALL NUMBER OF ATTENDANTS WHEN HE'S TRAVELING THE WORLD TO HAVE FUN
PRINCE AL IS THE 13TH
HUBBUB
THE OTHER SONS
AS THE HEIR TO THE THRONE THE ELDEST SON'S POWER IS ABSOLUTE
EVEN IF HE CAN'T BE AN ORDINARY PERSON HE WANTS TO LIVE FREELY
Speaking Frankly
AFTER HIM, THERE IS NO PARTICULAR ORDER SPEAKING FRANKLY IF IT WERE DOZENS IT WOULD BE MORE OR LESS THE SAME
AND IF THAT'S SO WHY WOULD YOU COME TO A SMALL-TIME DETECTIVE AGENCY LIKE OURS?
IN OTHER WORDS ISN'T HE A WELL-OFF BIG SHOT PRINCE WHO TRAVELS ALL OVER THE WORLD LETTING HIS MONEY TALK AND HAVING A GOOD TIME?
I'LL SUM IT UP
SINCE THERE ARE 13 OTHERS HE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN THE ONE INTERRUPTING THE MATCH
HE HAS TALENT IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF THE ARTS AND SPORTS

YES OF COURSE
SO WILL YOU ACCEPT?
BECAUSE IT'S AN EMBARRASSING REQUEST, AND IT WOULD BE BAD IF IT LEAKED OUT. THE FEWER PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT IT THE BETTER, SO I SOUGHT OUT A DETECTIVE AGENCY.
THAT SAID
I AM REQUESTING ALL OF YOUR HELP ON THIS INVESTIGATION STARTING TOMORROW
BECAUSE I'LL BE BUSY WITH MY MAIN JOB. YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE PRINCE'S SERVANT
HUH?
I'D FORGOTTEN
HOW WELL THEY REPRESENT US JAPANESE
YOU BASTARD.
THE TRUTH IS WITHOUT YOU I DON'T HAVE ANYONE
I already took the job.
IT'LL BE SO FAR FROM YOUR REAL LIFE. IT'LL BE GREAT TO GET A CHANGE OF SCENERY. WON'T IT?
WEREN'T YOU LISTENING? IT SOUNDS LIKE A REALLY FUN JOB. IT'LL BE INTERESTING
ARE YOU JOKING...?

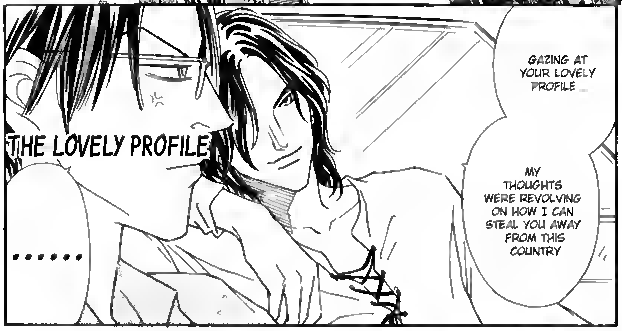
YES LORD AL WANTED YOU IN CASUAL CLOTHING
THE MIC WILL BE FINE
knock
knock
knock
IS THIS REALLY ALL RIGHT?
HUH ?
step
step
step
step
step
LORD AL YOU'RE STILL WEARING THAT... WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO DECIDED ON THE TIME?
SHUT UP! I'M GOING TO CHANGE NOW SO LEAVE!
ARE YOU FROM THE DETECTIVE AGENCY?

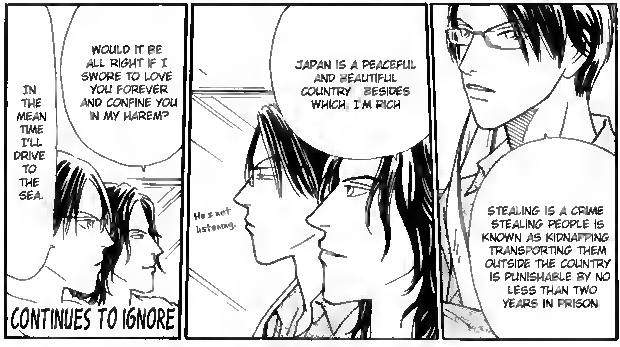
THEN YOU CAN CALL ME AL AKIRA
MIKI IS THAT YOUR FIRST NAME?
AKIRA MIKI
AND YOUR NAME?
YES.
you-
STOP
MIKI
hold
IT'S AN ANCIENT CUSTOM.
WHA-
I PREFER MIKI...
IT'S A GREETING TO SHOW RESPECT ON THE FIRST MEETING

WORLD NEWS
WHERE TO?
I'M 23 WHERE TO?
click
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
HUH?
YOU MEAN AKIHABARA
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO AKIRA?
BUT WHY NOT CHANGE PLANS? IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY COMPANION LET'S MAKE IT A DATE
I PREFER MIKI
TAKE ME ON A TOUR OF THOSE MAID CAFES I'VE HEARD OF IN THE FAMOUS AKIBA DISTRICT


WHERE TO?
BECAUSE YOU'VE HAD NO REACTION TO MY HOT GAZE
HOW IS YOUR EYESIGHT? HOW STRONG ARE THOSE GLASSES?
HUH?
NO, PLEASE CALL ME MIKI
DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE LANGUAGE USED IN OUR ROYAL COURT, THE NAME "AKKEELA" MEANS EXTREMELY BEAUTIFUL?
He really is an otaku prince.
YOU'RE STUBBORN, JUST WHAT I LIKE
DO YOU HAVE A LOVER?
...
IN THE MEAN TIME, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE

HMP NO I WAS CONSIDERING VARIOUS OPTIONS
HAVE YOU DECIDED?
PLEASE DECIDE SOON


THE LOVELY PROFILE
GAZING AT YOUR LOVELY PROFILE
MY THOUGHTS WERE REVOLVING ON HOW I CAN STEAL YOU AWAY FROM THIS COUNTRY
.....


IN THE MEAN TIME I'LL DRIVE TO THE SEA.
WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I SWORE TO LOVE YOU FOREVER AND CONFINE YOU IN MY HAREM?
CONTINUES TO IGNORE
JAPAN IS A PEACEFUL AND BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY BESIDES WHICH, I'M RICH
He is not listening.
STEALING IS A CRIME STEALING PEOPLE IS KNOWN AS KIDNAPPING TRANSPORTING THEM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY IS PUNISHABLE BY NO LESS THAN TWO YEARS IN PRISON

"THE SCENERY THERE MAKES ME HAPPY"
"A TRIP..."
ISN'T THAT A COMMON TRIP FOR LOVERS IN JAPAN?
THE SEA. HOW NICE
"TO GO FAR AWAY"
IT FELT AS IF THOSE PLEASANT WORDS
HAD ENTERED MY HEART
HIS
THE SIGHT OF
"THE SEA"
SCREEECH
CRASH
bang
WHOA!
SMOOCH
!?
blow
WHO ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?

MM...
DAMN...
H-HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?
UH...
NMPH!!
DID WE HIT SOMETHING? WHERE...

YOU ARE TRULY BEAUTIFUL... SEEMS LIKE I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU AT FIRST SIGHT
YOU'RE NOT INJURED ANYWHERE?
OH, DON'T WORRY...
GIVE ME MY GLASSES PLEASE
YOUR NAKED FACE IS ALSO BEAUTIFUL...
YANK
LET'S. GET. OUT.
I'M BACK. I HEARD THE INVESTIGATION WAS FINISHED-
HUH? WHERE'S THE CHIEF?
HE WAS LOOKING AT VARIOUS SITES ON THE NET BUT WHERE CAN HE HAVE GONE?
+SD
+SD
+SD
I WONDER IF MIKI-SAN IS OKAY A CHANGE OF FACE WILL DO HIM GOOD
I WOULDN'T CALL DRIVING THAT PRINCE AROUND A CHANGE OF FACE THAT WILL DO ANY GOOD
slurp

CAN WE GO?
JUST A LITTLE LONGER
splash
splash
WHACK
AT LEAST FOR MIKI-SAN IT WON'T BE-
I WAS SO EXCITED WHEN I WENT BACK TO MY COUNTRY. I MADE MY OLDER BROTHERS LISTEN TO ME TALK ABOUT IT
THE WATER SEEMED TO GO ON FOREVER, LIKE A VAST TRACT OF LAND
THERE'S NO SEA IN MY COUNTRY. THE FIRST TIME I EVER SAW IT I WAS TRULY ASTONISHED
ALL AROUND THE WORLD THERE ARE MANY CHILDREN LIVING IN DANGEROUS PLACES
THE CHILDREN OF THIS COUNTRY ARE VERY FORTUNATE. BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE SEA
YAAA HAHAHAHAHAHA!
I HAVE ONE OLDER BROTHER WHOSE BODY WAS FRAIL SINCE BIRTH. SO HE NEVER LEFT THE COUNTRY
YOUR OLDER BROTHERS...?
12 or 13 them.

SO WHEN I GO WALKING IN A MINEFIELD I BRING MY CAMERA ALONG
WELL I MIGHT GET A GLIMPSE WHEN COMING BACK FROM SURFING OR ROCK-CLIMBING
DO YOU GO TO SUCH PLACES AS WELL?
THAT'S WHAT A FORMER PRINCESS OF A CERTAIN COUNTRY SAID
She was cool, so I followed her lead.
YOU ARE.
WHAT, AKIRA?
It's MM.
IT'S HARD TO TELL IF YOU'RE BEING SERIOUS
AM I YOUR TYPE?
I CAN HEAR IT IN YOUR VOICE
THAT'S YOUR IMAGINATION

HUH...?
WAKIR... I TOLD YOU NOT TO FOLLOW ME TODAY
THIS IS... REALLY UNFORTUNATE
HUH? WHAT'S...?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? WHO IS THAT?
click
GET BACK IN THE CAR. PLEASE. BOTH OF YOU.
HE'S THE GREEDY SECOND SON
WERE YOU BOUGHT OFF BY BANDAR?
THE PRINCE IS ABOUT TO HAVE AN UNFORESEEN ACCIDENT ON FOREIGN SOIL

LORD WAKIR.
WHAT IS IT?
AS EXPECTED. YOU'VE GUESSED CORRECTLY I WAS PROMISED A CHANGE IN STATUS AFTER HIS SUCCESSION TO THE THRONE
NOW, IN THE CAR.
THE SECOND SON. WHAT... WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
GREET-INGS
screech
RUMBLE
SLAM
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU-

HEY! WHAT IN HELL ARE THESE GUYS DOING?
DAMN... He figured it out?
breezy
DAMN YOU TURNED UP HERE TOO
splash
IN A PLACE LIKE THIS IF YOU FIRE THAT THING, THE SOUND WILL REALLY CARRY
JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, I PUT A LISTENING DEVICE IN THE CAR
welcome
The Air Club
WHEREVER IN THE WORLD HE GOES THERE'S EXCITEMENT, WHETHER IT'S SOMETHING GOOD OR SOMETHING BAD, IT'S NEWS BECAUSE IT'S INTERESTING
EH?
HE'S MORE FAMOUS THAN THE OTHER TWELVE PRINCES
WELL I WAS LOOKING AT VARIOUS NEWS AND SUCH AND WEBSITES FOR PEOPLE FROM HASKAP LIVING IN JAPAN AND SUCH, AND...
PRINCE AL-SAFAR WAS REALLY POPULAR ON THOSE
TODAY LORD AL
YESTERDAY LORD AL
OH, SORRY
YOU'RE ALSO FAMOUS FOR YOUR BEAUTY, AREN'T YOU?
Yeah, yeah.
I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THAT

PERHAPS THAT GUY WON'T BE ELECTED?
SO
IN THE CASE WHERE THE KING HAS NO CHILDREN, THERE WOULD BE A NATIONAL REFERENDUM TO ELECT THE NEXT KING FROM AMONG THE TWELVE PRINCES
IT'S SAID THAT EVEN IF THE ELDEST SON ASCENDS THE THRONE, HIS REIGN WON'T LAST LONG SINCE HE'S GOT A WEAK CONSTITUTION
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ELDEST SON IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE HEIRS TO THE THRONE CAME IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER
THAT'S *COMPLETELY* IRRELEVANT...
LET'S JUST BRING THIS TO A CONCLUSION...
OH
STILL WHATEVER THE RESULTS YOU CHOSE OUR AGENCY
THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOME OTHER REASON FOR THAT
SURELY THERE WAS SOMETHING CONVENIENT ABOUT IT...
KNOWING ALL THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO MEDDLE IN THESE MATTERS
IT'S FUNNY SINCE YOU EMPHASIZED YOURSELF THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER CAREFREE PRINCES

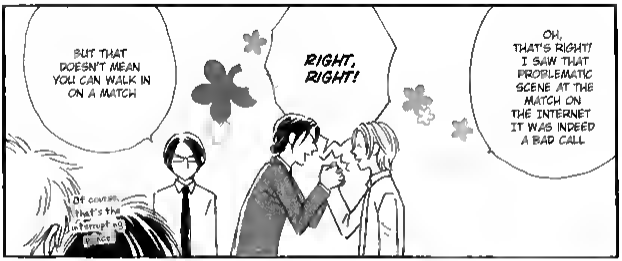
FORTUNATELY FOR YOU YOU CAN WIGGLE OUT OF THIS BY INSISTING ON YOUR DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY
WOOOO
PLEASE TAKE THIS QUARREL BACK TO YOUR OWN COUNTRY
WOOOO
EXTRATERRITORIALITY*
WOOOO
THEY SAID IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO SINCE THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT
WOOOO
WHAAAT?
JUST IN CASE I'VE CALLED THE NATIONAL POLICE
WOOOO
WOOOO
DON'T GIVE THEM ADVICE!
HEY
OH. YOU MIGHT WANT TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE YOU CAN'T SPEAK JAPANESE
HMPH
HE'S THE HEAD OF OUR AGENCY
WHO'S HE?

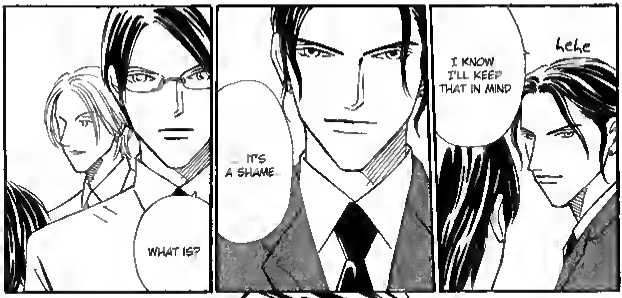
*T/n diplomatic immunity

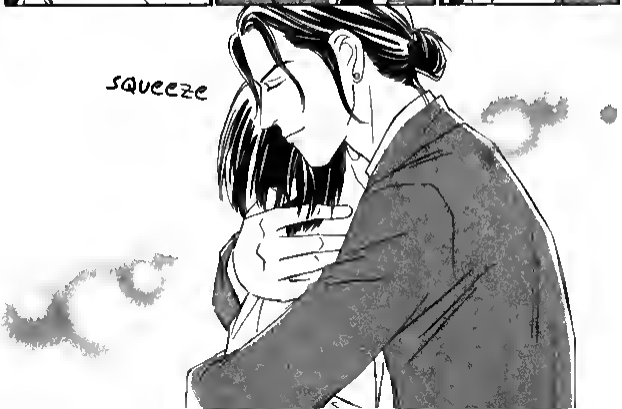
HEY
SORRY
HUH?
I MADE AN ERROR OF JUDGEMENT.
DAMN
WEREN'T YOU IN DANGER, YOU BASTARD?!
WHO SAID I WAS?
WHY ARE YOU FEELING DOWN ALL OF A SUDDEN?
I DON'T RELY ON YOUR JUDGMENT ISN'T IT THE SAME AS ALWAYS?

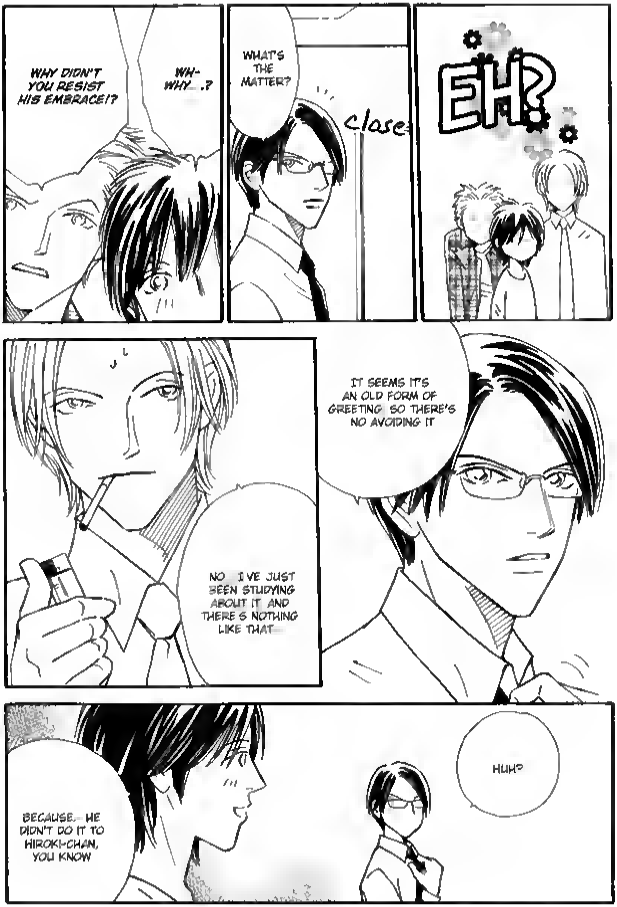
I GOT YOU TO COME OUT TO THE SEA...
splash
splash
splash
SO THAT ANNOYING PRINCE... NOT ONLY IS HE A FAST WORKER, BUT IT SEEMS HE'S FAMOUS
YEAH. HE KISSED ME
WHAT?
DID YOU HIT HIM?
...
BONK
beep
I'M GOING TO TEXT EVERYONE
splash
splash
splash

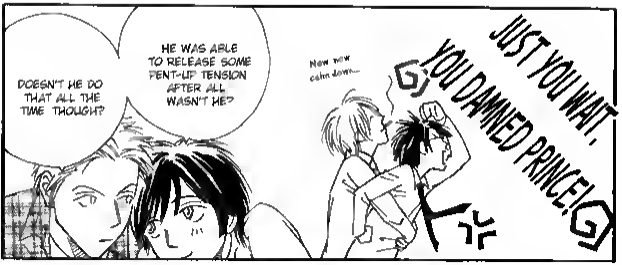
I'M STILL SUCH AN OPTIMIST.
WHAT IS IT?
WAKIR AND HIS PEOPLE WON'T BE ON THIS FLIGHT. IT'S A SHAME I REALLY TRUSTED HIM.
SINCE OUR NATIONAL POLICE HAVE ARRIVED I WILL RETURN HOME ON A CHARTER FLIGHT TODAY
INYUMA DETE
IT WAS MY PLEASURE
WELL, I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CARE.
NOBODY PUTS THINGS SO BLUNTLY AND SCOLDS ME LIKE YOU, MIKI
Is it that way with everyone?
You're not really special, Prince.
IT'S POSSIBLE TO REFLECT ON THESE THINGS AND CHANGE
EEK!

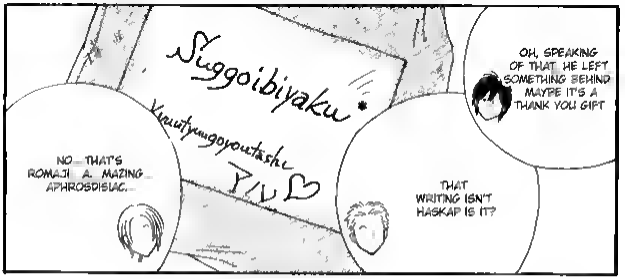

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN WALK IN ON A MATCH
RIGHT, RIGHT!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! I SAW THAT PROBLEMATIC SCENE AT THE MATCH ON THE INTERNET IT WAS INDEED A BAD CALL
Of course, that's the referee's job.


WHAT IS?
... IT'S A SHAME
I KNOW I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND
hehe


squeeze


WHY DIDN'T YOU RESIST HIS EMBRACE!?
WH-WHY...?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
close
EH?
IT SEEMS IT'S AN OLD FORM OF GREETING SO THERE'S NO AVOIDING IT
NO I'VE JUST BEEN STUDYING ABOUT IT AND THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THAT
HUH?
BECAUSE... WE DIDN'T DO IT TO HIROKI-CHAN, YOU KNOW


JUST YOU WAIT, YOU DAMNED PRINCE!
Now now calm down...
HE WAS ABLE TO RELEASE SOME PENT-UP TENSION AFTER ALL WASN'T HE?
DOESN'T HE DO THAT ALL THE TIME THOUGH?


Suggoibiyaku
Yuuutsunagoyoutashu
OH, SPEAKING OF THAT, HE LEFT SOMETHING BEHIND MAYBE IT'S A THANK YOU GIFT
THAT WRITING ISN'T HASKAP IS IT?
NO... THAT'S ROMAJI. A. MAZING APHROSDISIAC...

DO YOU EXPECT ME TO TAKE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS LIKE THIS?
OF COURSE THIS KIND OF THING RELIEVES STRESS ALL OVER THE WORLD
what are the ingredients?
rustle

*P/n. It says in romaji on Japanese: Amazing aphrodisiac from the purveyors to the royal court. From Ai.

END

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セレブ王子のお相手を　恋人の三木は押し付けたが…。
大人になってもノンデリ眼鏡オーラが健在な三木と
無頓着と恋に生きる犬山のBFCノリーズ
男子高校警生達のアダルトシーズノが
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